Alleged theft by an Indian Airlines purser

1845. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen press reports which appeared in the Indian Express dated 28th March, 1989, regarding alleged theft by an Indian Airlines purser which indicates that the serious offence is being hushed up ; and

(b) whether Government would order a CBI inquiry and nab the culprit and those responsible for shielding such offences ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has carried out necessary investigations and the concerned Flight Purser has been charge-sheeted. On completion of the disciplinary proceedings, if the staff concerned is found guilty, appropriate action will be taken.

Raising of the allocation of funds for education

1846. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether members of Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to his Ministry have suggested that allocation of funds for education be raised to 10% from 6% of the GNP in the annual budget ; and

(b) if so, the Government's decision thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Shri S. Bhattacharya, Member Consultative Committee attached to Human Resource Development Ministry suggested that 6% of GNP and 10% of national budget should be spent on Education.

(b) The Government is making all efforts to increase the outlay for education but actual allocation of funds depends upon the overall availability of resources and competetive demands of other sectors of development. It is to be mentioned that in the recent past the revenue budget (Plan and Non-Plan) of the education departments had exceeded 10% of the total revenue budget of the Centre and States.

Increase in fares by Delhi Transport Corporation

1847. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Transport Corporation proposes to increase the fares in order to overcome the losses perennially suffered by it ;

(b) if so, the precise circumstances warranting the decision indicating the losses suffered by it during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have caused an indepth inquiry into Delhi Transport Corporation affairs to find out the reasons for losses, if so, the outcome thereof ;

(d) whether most of the private buses under D.T.C. are being run in dilapidated unkempt condition, which are hazardous for passengers and present enviornmental pollution hazards; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) DTC has made a proposal to Government for rationalisation and revision of fares.

(b) No decision on the proposal has been taken. The losses suffered are as follows :—

(Rs. in crores)

	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89 (provisional April, 1988 to February, 1989).
1. Working loss . .	38.63	45.96	50.94
2. Depreciation . .	11.69	11.96	12.71
3. Interest . . .	11.94	20.96	32.30
4. Net loss . . .	62.26	78.88	95.95

(c) The financial performance of the DTC is periodically reviewed and reasons for losses analysed which reveal that the main reasons for the losses have been its low fare structure, coupled with rapidly rising cost of operations.

(d) and (e) Every private bus that runs under DTC is allowed to ply only when it has a vehicle fitness certificate issued by the concerned Transport Authority. As and when, the private bus is found by the checking squad as not adhering to the conditions of upkeep, owners of Private operators' buses are asked to rectify the faults failing which strict action is taken.

Opposition to the New Motor Vehicles Act

1848. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings are against the new Motor Vehicles Act ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rail Link of tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

1849. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a major part of the tribal regions of Madhya Pradesh is not linked by rail ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to link the tribal belt of Madhya Pradesh by rail ;

(c) whether any such railway project for tribal belt of Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of Government ; and

(d) if so, what is the present status of such project ?